

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 06 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 07 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 05 Dec 2023 at 15:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for Wednesday and Thursday and for continued less cold conditions, unsettled conditions from Thursday. Low confidence in daily detail from Friday.

Headline for Wednesday 06 Dec 2023: Dry, bright and very cold becoming cloudy with snow from the evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 06 Dec 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Clear night	Clear night	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Light snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	20%	40%

Forecast for Wednesday 06 Dec 2023

Weather: Dry, clear and very cold with fog patches forming in the glens overnight. The day will be dry, bright and very cold with high cloud. Cloud will lower in the southwest from late afternoon bringing light snow. Cloud and snow spread northeast turning heavier later. Southeast winds strengthen from late afternoon, reaching gale force across the summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%

Low Cloud and visibility: The visibility will remain good in mostly cloud free skies through the day. Cloud 600-800m will increase from the late afternoon bringing increasing snow and lowering the visibility to very poor.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	9/11 SE	12/15 SE	16/20 SE	24/30 SE	25/33 SE	31/40 SE	37/49 SE	47/62 SE	52/68 SE
900	10/13 SE	12/15 SE	14/19 SE	18/25 SE	21/29 SE	24/35 SE	29/43 SE	35/50 SE	37/53 SE
600	6/8 E	6/8 E	7/10 E	12/16 SE	19/26 SE	24/35 SE	28/40 SE	38/51 SE	45/60 SE
300	3/5 NE	3/7 E	5/11 E	8/17 E	11/22 E	18/32 SE	22/38 SE	25/42 SE	27/44 SE
Glen	2/5 N	3/7 E	4/9 E	4/10 E	6/14 E	10/21 E	12/26 E	14/29 E	12/29 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-5/-10	-5/-12	-5/-12	-6/-14	-5/-14	-6/-15	-6/-16	-6/-17	-5/-17
900	-4/-9	-4/-10	-4/-11	-5/-12	-4/-11	-4/-12	-4/-13	-4/-13	-3/-13
600	-1/-4	-1/-4	-0/-4	0/-4	2/-3	2/-4	2/-5	2/-5	2/-6
300	0/-1	1/-1	0/-2	0/-4	1/-3	2/-4	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5
Glen	-2/-4	-2/-4	-1/-3	-0/-2	2/-1	4/0	4/-0	3/-1	4/-0
Freezing Level*	100m	100m	00m	100m	200m	300m	300m	400m	500m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Nothing to add.

Forecast for Thursday 07 Dec 2023

Weather: Cloudy and very windy with snow at first, drier for a time around midday. Further outbreaks of rain spread northeast from late afternoon.

Maximum wind: Southeast 45-50mph gust 65mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% increasing 50% for a time around midday.

Low Cloud and visibility: Broken cloud 400-600m through the morning will drop to lower slopes in rain at times from the late afternoon. The visibility will be very poor in early snow and in cloud, poor in rain otherwise good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius rising plus 3 Celsius

At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius

Freezing level: 600m in the morning, rising 1100m by the evening.